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SUBJ: FLOODS IN PAKISTAN

1. LOCAL CARE OFFICE UNABLE COMMUNICATE ITS NEW YORK HEADQUARTERS DUE INTERRUPTION PUBLIC TRANSMISSION FACILITIES. REQUEST DEPARTMENT PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM CARE ISLAMABAD TO F. GOFFIO, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, CARE INC, 660 FIRST AVE., NEW YORK, NEW YORK.

QUOTE. FLOODED AREA OVER TWENTY THOUSAND SQUARE MILES AFFECTING EIGHT MILLION PUNJABIS. FIVE MILLION PERSONS MAY BE AFFECTED IN SIND. TWO HUNDRED FIFTY MILLION DOLLARS CROP AND LIVESTOCK LOSSES. ONE MILLION HOMES DESTROYED. EXTENSIVE IRRIGATION AND COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS DAMAGED. ESTIMATED OVER ONE MILLION PERSONS WILL REQUIRE URGENT MEDICAL ATTENTION. POSSIBLE IMMEDIATE AID ESSENTIAL VACCINES EG TAB AND GLUCOSE GIVEN HIGHEST PRIORITY. WITH EXTENSIVE PUBLIC FACILITY DAMAGE FIVE OR MORE DISASTER HOSPITAL UNITS COULD BE USED EFFECTIVELY AFTER TWO MONTHS. WHO ADVISOR RECOMMENDS HOSPITAL UNITS SUGGESTS PERSONNEL BE PROVIDED TEMPORARILY. USAID MAY AGREE TO MEET DOLLAR EQUIVALENT AND LOCAL COSTS OF SUCH AID FROM ONE OH FOUR FUNDS. SEIZ AND I CONTINUING DETAILED DISCUSSIONS WITH GOP UN US OFFICIALS ON IMMEDIATE AND LONG TERM RELIEF SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS BY CABLE TO FOLLOW. BRADY. UNQUOTE.
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